Identifying Information Needs (Practice)

1. **Identify Key Words.** Key words provide clues to the scope and focus of the question.

   Read over the research question carefully and circle what you think are significant words or phrases that are necessary to answering the question:

   Digital technology influences how we gain access to information and how we communicate with other people. In the 21st century, what skills will be essential?

2. Explain how each key word helps shape the topic.
   - **digital technology**
   - **access to information**
   - **communicate**
   - **21st century**
   - **skills**

3. Your own ideas and reactions to the research question can help you to focus. In the box below, reflect on your own answer to the question. What do you think? You can use this to measure and compare against the research material you find.

   What do you think about the research question? How would you answer it?

4. Based on the information explaining the key words and phrases, make a list of specific information that we need to research. Sometimes it's helpful to list this as smaller, more specific questions that need to be answered.

   List of Information Needs